

# Klan Attack on Jews Refuted By Undermyer

Y. Attorney Challenges Wizard's Assertion Race Is Not Productive, in Talk at Hartford Meeting

Points to Achievements

Ku-Klux Strikes at Roots of Americanism in Fostering Racial Hatred, He Says

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 24.—Samuel Undermyer, of New York, addressing a gathering of Jews at the Garde Hotel last night, attacked the Ku-Klux Klan. He described the organization as "a strange and medieval eruption in the life of the nation," and said that it had been founded to destroy the foundations of Americanism.

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## Dad, Feelin' Pert at 73, Sings Self Into Court

Mrs. Anna Grace went to see City Judge Charles W. Boote in Yonkers yesterday. She had a reason. Her seventy-three-year-old father-in-law, William Grace, insisted upon singing and dancing too much in her house, and she just couldn't stand it any longer, she said.

Judge Boote issued a summons for Grace to appear in court today. Until the time for his appearance policemen will see to it, according to the judge, that the Grace home, at 69 South Broadway, Yonkers, remains a dwelling, and not a vaudeville theater.

## Troops Guard Funeral of Klan Victims

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most every one for generations has carried weapons, and since the Ku-Klux outbreaks there is hardly a man who does not tote a pistol on his hip. In the procession to and from the burial service were several men who are known to be members of the Klan.

While the bodies of Daniels and Richards were being buried Tex Jeff Burnett, the only alleged member of the gang under arrest for the killing of the two young men, apparently was enjoying himself in the jail at Bastrop. Scores of his friends called upon him to wish him well and they demanded that they be allowed to go on his bond.

Sheriff Carpenter explained that an offense was not a bailable one. A group of well-to-do people offered to go his bond in the sum of \$300,000.

Burnett has become something of a hero in the community since his arrest. He stands at the bars of his window waving to acquaintances in the street or chatting merrily with friends who call and wish him well. Mrs. Burnett visited him today and assured him that she would bring him to-morrow the best Christmas dinner he ever ate.

The belief is general that no jury can be found in Morehouse Parish that will convict the men, regardless of how powerful the evidence is against them. In the first place, the majority of people in the community are sympathizers with the members of the Klan who are not members of the Klan and who are not members of the Klan and who are not members of the Klan.

Considerable comment was made this evening upon the fact that a minister from Monroe was brought here to conduct the funeral. Neither Richards nor Daniels was an Episcopalian. Among those who rode in the funeral procession was Judge Yred Odum, of Bastrop, who will preside at the trial of the men who are indicted for the murders. He said the citizens of Bastrop were making elaborate arrangements for a Christmas dinner for members of the militia who are camped there.

Daniels also is said to have had a clean record. The investigator said he began searching for the motive for the kidnapping and murder of Richards and Daniels, and he believes he has found it.

Several months ago, the detective said, a supper was given in Mer Rouge by a fraternal organization. The leader of the Ku-Klux Klan was chairman of the arrangements committee. There being no hall in Mer Rouge large enough to accommodate the attendees, the Klan leader arranged for the use of a garage.

Richards was employed at the garage as an automobile mechanic. His workshop was in the rear of the building, and the front portion of the garage was set aside for the supper, scheduled for 8 p. m.

Offended Klan Leader. Early in the day, the investigator said, Richards went to the Klan leader and asked him to leave a passageway in the center of the garage until the close of the day. Richards explained that he would have to move two or three automobiles in and out of his shop.

Later, the sleuth said, when Richards attempted to move a car out of his shop he found the passageway had been blocked. Richards went to the Klan leader and remonstrated, whereupon the Klanman cursed him and applied a vile epithet. This was repeated by Richards three or four times, and he was told to get out of the building.

Some time afterward, the investigator said, Dr. M. McKim, at that time mayor of Mer Rouge, reported that he had been fired upon from ambush while making a professional call in the country near Mer Rouge.

Fingerprints Identify Sailor's Mangled Body

Secretary Denby Reports How Navy Records Established Name of Train Victim

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A remarkable case of identification through fingerprints was disclosed today by Secretary Denby. It was that of a navy yeoman, Thomas Earle Bradbury, of Los Angeles, who was mangled beyond recognition by a New York Central train near Lyons Falls, N. Y.

The body was found on October 26, 1922. Secretary Denby's statement reveals. The dead man had registered at a hotel in Lyons Falls under the name of Earle Barrett. His bag was marked "M. D. U. S. N." The head was crushed and cut off, both arms were cut off at the shoulders and one hand at the wrist. His feet were cut off at the ankles and both legs at the hips. This man had had no marks or papers on his person from which his identification could be established.

D. D. Parrell, coroner of Lyons Falls, N. Y., said the body was found in the train car. From this the identification was completely established.

Wife Says Jealous Mate Shot Her, Killed Himself

Roomer Tells of Couple Quarreling and Being Threatened by Irate Husband

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.—Harry Lynch, forty-two years old, is dead and his wife, Lena Lynch, fifty-two, probably is fatally wounded as a result of a shooting affray late today. Mrs. Lynch told police her husband shot her because he was jealous and then ended his own life.

Police found two jugs of liquor in the house. They arrested a roomer on a charge of possessing liquor, while another man and a woman roomer were held for intoxication.

Poker Losers Accused Two Men Caught as They Hold Up Game for Revenge

The two heaviest losers from a card party held by Alphonso Ruiz in his apartment, 230 East Seventy-fifth Street, Saturday night, were Michael Aleksi and William Machanti. They were held in \$50,000 bail each by Magistrate George W. Simpson in Harlem court yesterday morning for holding up the fifteen players and taking \$250 and five gold watches.

Aleksi and Machanti, with a companion who escaped through an open window with the loot, came in on the Ruiz party about midnight. On Tuesday they will act as palbearers, taking the body to Mariboro, Md., for interment.

## Plan to Give School Board More Power

Parents' Association Survey Proposes to Make Education Section Independent of Estimate Body

Would Eliminate Friction Cures for Red Tape Offered as Necessary Reforms to Lessen Overcrowding

Proposals to make the Board of Education independent of the Board of Estimate in the construction of new schools were made yesterday in an announcement of the result of a school survey, conducted by a special committee of the United Parents' Association. The complete independence of action proposed was declared to be the outstanding reform necessary to cut down part time and overcrowding.

The over-possibility of friction between the two boards, together with the endless red tape with which new school appropriations are surrounded, is to be cured by new legislation which the association will propose when the Legislature convenes.

In addition to centralizing control over new school buildings in the Board of Estimate, the association will recommend the abolition of the present board of seven members and the appointment of three paid commissioners in their places who will devote all of their time to school matters. The salaried commissioners would be removable for cause only and would be free from partisan interference.

The recommendations of the committee follow: "That after the Board of Education submit a general building program to the Board of Estimate, and the Board of Estimate has approved or modified such plan or plans as it believes it to be for the best interests of the city, the said Board of Estimate should be a continuing body to carry out such plan."

"That thereafter the Board of Education shall have exclusive authority as to the selection of sites, to determine what provisions shall be embodied in its contracts for construction of new buildings, remodeling, altering, making of additions, repairs and for equipment of school buildings, and carrying out of such contracts. This will fix the responsibility for promptly providing proper buildings upon the Board of Education."

"That in order to provide continuity of plan and action, the Board of Education should be a continuing body to consist of three men, irremovable, except for misconduct or incompetency, shown after a hearing upon due notice upon stated charges, to be known as commissioners of the Board of Education, who will be required to devote their entire time to their duties as such commissioners, and to hold no other Federal, state or municipal office, except the office of notary public or commissioner of deeds."

George W. Davies' Wife Leaves \$500,000 Estate Special Dispatch to The Tribune EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Dec. 24.—The will of Mrs. Julia Woods Davies, daughter of the late Dr. W. S. Woods, Kansas City banker, was filed for probate here yesterday. The bulk of Mrs. Davies' estate, estimated at \$500,000, is left to her fourth husband, George W. Davies, New York grand opera singer. A cousin, Mary Margaret McBride, a feature writer on "The New York Evening Mail," is given \$5,000.

Weeping Prisoners Pay Last Tribute to Warden

Delaware Workhouse Mourns Officer Who Instituted Honor System

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 24.—With tear dimmed eyes and uncontrolled grief, 300 convicts of the New Castle County workhouse at Greenbank attended a special funeral service today in the prison chapel for Warden Mordecai S. Plummer. The service was arranged at the request of the prisoners and all others were excluded. The chapel was draped in black and the casket, which rested near the altar, was covered with a blanket of roses given by the prisoners.

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. L. Hibbard of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Aquila Webb of First Central Presbyterian Church. George Lucas, who is serving a term for murder, told how the honor system instituted by the late warden had helped the prisoners.

A guard of honor composed of three white and three colored prisoners stood watch over the body to-night. On Tuesday they will act as palbearers, taking the body to Mariboro, Md., for interment.

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Aleksi gave his age as twenty and his address as 1246 Second Avenue, and Machanti said he was also twenty and lived at 345 East Seventy-sixth Street. They are charged with robbery and will be examined to-day.

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## Assail Delivery Of Transit Rule To Tammany

81 Republicans, Holding Control of Lower House, Not in Favor of Unlimited City Authority in Subways

\$500,000,000 in 'Plums' Assemblymen Ignored by Democratic Leaders in Formulating Program

Just what the attitude of the Republican members of the Assembly will be toward the Democratic program, particularly as regards the transit situation in this city, was being speculated on in political circles here yesterday.

Being in control of the lower house, many of the eighty-one Republicans, it was said, are not entirely pleased with the assumption that their votes can be pledged to a Democratic program without their being consulted by the leaders and even before they have seen the draft of a single measure.

The Republicans are known to have looked with some disfavor upon the action of the leaders in deciding to turn over the entire transit control of New York to the Tammany Board of Estimate without any curb on the Mayor and his associates.

Rich Contract Plums to Fall Those familiar with the methods of letting subway contracts in this city are apparently of the opinion that abuses and irregularities may develop in the awarding of contracts to the extent of nearly \$500,000,000, and that the responsibility will not be placed entirely upon the shoulders of the local authorities. The question of subway contract letting, causing concern to many, will cause anything but concern, it was said, to Tammany contractors, who would presumably be taken care of when the \$500,000,000 in contracts were awarded.

The Republican Assemblymen who appear to have given the most thought to the question of the Democratic program are the Assemblymen who are insisting that the transit situation is one of vital importance, and that every safeguard should be taken in the handling of it to insure a dollar's return for every dollar of the people's money turned over to the contractors.

Demand Four-Square Transit Program Assemblyman Joseph Steinberg, of the 15th Assembly District, Manhattan, in discussing the transit situation yesterday, said: "I voted against Governor Miller's transit program because it was a violation of home rule, and in other respects unfair to the people of the city. And I shall demand that any substitute program presented by a Democratic Governor must be four-square, not only to the contractors, but to the taxpayers of the city. Home rule must not mean home ruin."

The Republican Assemblymen are at sea as to just what will be the attitude of the majority in the lower house toward the Democratic legislative program as a whole. The fact is that until the Democrats lay their cards on the table the eighty-one Republicans of the lower house will not begin to make up their minds how they will play. Many of the leaders believe that the Assemblymen on both sides should caucus on all questions except prohibition. On the wet-and-dry question, to quote Congressman Ogden L. Mills, treasurer of the New York County Republican Committee, there can be no issue, "because prohibition is not a party issue." In discussing further what he thought should be done by the Republican legislators, especially in the Assembly, Congressman Mills said:

"With a margin of only six votes in the Assembly there can be no party policy or definite Republican program unless every one of the eighty-one Republicans in the lower house agrees to stand together."

Before the Albany session gets far under way there will be a conference of Republicans at which a party policy will be mapped out. Until then it will be largely a matter of speculation to say how the Assembly majority is likely to take to Governor Smith and his program.

Aron Attempt Fails When Baby Buggy Fire Is Put Out Another attempt to set fire to an apartment house through a perambulator in a hallway was discovered early yesterday by Patrolman George R. Kelly, of the West Thirtieth Street station, at 135 West Twenty-eighth Street. The policeman wheeled the baby carriage to the street and extinguished the blazing wood and oil-soaked rag in it without turning in an alarm.

The fire marshal's office and detectives of the West Thirtieth Street station were working yesterday on the case.

Legion Men and Farmers Support Shipping Bill Two Prominent Coast Organizations Ask Senators Johnson and Shortridge to Work for Measure

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The former pointed out that California agricultural interests were in urgent need of increased transportation facilities to market their products overseas and thus take care of increased production. The resolutions state that better water transport will result in lower rates, and to gain more and improved water hauls government aid is essential. California's Senators are urged to vote for the pending shipping bill.

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